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 SUBJECT: (U) QADHAFI'S SYRIA DAY SPEECH

ON THE 8TH OF MARCH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SYRIAN REVOLUTION, COLONEL QADHAFI, IN HIS NEW ROLE AS REVOLUTIONARY LEADER SEPARATED FROM ADMINISTRATION OF THE GOVERNMENT, ADDRESSED A "MASSIVE REVOLUTIONARY RALLY" IN BENGHAZI. IN HIS USUAL UNINHIBITED MANNER, QADHAFI: (A) CALLED ON BA'ATHI PARTY YOUTH TO FORM REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEES, (B) DENOUNCED ALL ARAB POLITICAL PARTIES AS "RULING TOOLS" AND CALLED FOR THEIR DISSOLUTION, (C) DENOUNCED THE FRENCH ROLE IN CHAD, (D) SUPPORTED THE DEMOCRATIC FRONT OF NORTH YEMEN,

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*Mu'ammur QADHAFI - BF
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(E) CRITICIZED PRESIDENT CARTER'S MIDDLE EAST VISIT, (F) PREDICTED THAT ARMS SUPPLIED EGYPT WOULD BE TURNED AGAINST THE REGIME, (G) SUPPORTED REVOLUTION IN MOROCCO AND EGYPT, AND (H) DENOUNCED WEST GERMAN AND BRITISH RADIOS FOR FALSE REPORTS ON EXECUTION OF 20 LIBYAN ARMY OFFICERS.

2. THUS, QADHAFI ONCE AGAIN DEMONSTRATED HIS LACK OF RESPECT FOR ARAB LEADERSHIP, EVEN THOSE OF LIBYA'S FRIENDS, SYRIA AND IRAQ, IN ADDITION TO HIS CUSTOMARY DIRECT AND INDIRECT ATTACKS ON THE CONSERVATIVE ARABS. ONE CAN ONLY CONCLUDE THAT HE SERIOUSLY BELIEVES THAT HIS THEORY OF DEMOCRATIC RULE BY THE MASSES AND ARAB UNITY THROUGH POPULAR ACTION ARE THE WAVE OF THE FUTURE.

3. QADHAFI'S COMMENTS ABOUT PRESIDENT CARTER'S MIDDLE EAST PEACE INITIATIVE WERE DELIVERED IN A MODERATE, SOMEWHAT SARCASTIC TONE. HE SEEMED TO ENJOY SHOWING HIS KNOWLEDGE OF THE AMERICAN PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN FOR 1980, WHICH, HE SAID, "SHOULD TAKE PLACE IN AMERICA, NOT ON ARAB TERRITORY." QADHAFI WAS VISIBLY MORE ANGRY WHEN HE MENTIONED BRITISH AND GERMAN RADIO REPORTS RE ALLEGED EXECUTION OF LIBYAN OFFICERS. IN THIS CONTEXT, HE ASSOCIATED U.S. WITH THESE REPORTS AS OWNER OF "AL AHAM" NEWSPAPER WHERE REPORTS ORIGINATED, AND HE WARNED BRITAIN, WEST GERMANY, FRANCE AND AMERICA THAT THEY HAVE SENSITIVE POINTS WHICH CAN BE PRESSED IF THEY ARE HOSTILE TO LIBYA.

4. QADHAFI'S SPEECH SOUNDS MORE REVOLUTIONARY AND RABBLE-ROUSING IN THE READING (FBIS LD090110) THAN IT DID ON TELEVISION. HIS AUDIENCE WAS AN UNIMPRESSIVE GATHERING OF YOUTH AND VILLAGERS, WHO FILLED IN PAUSES BETWEEN HIS PRONOUNCEMENTS WITH THE USUAL CHANTING OF SLOGANS. THERE DID NOT, HOWEVER, APPEAR TO BE MUCH CROWD REACTION TO WHAT HE ACTUALLY SAID. A FONMINISTRY SOURCE TELLS US THAT SPEECH WAS BADLY RECEIVED BY LIBYANS (PROBABLY MEANING EDUCATED ONES) AND THAT QADHAFI'S COMMENTS ABOUT PRESIDENT CARTER WERE CONSIDERED TO BE IN BAD TASTE. WE SUSPECT THAT SYRIAN AND IRAQI LEADERS MIGHT FIND HIS ADVICE

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TO BAIATHI YOUTH TO FORM REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEES
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